

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

BULLETIN



August 2008



Look Good????

Bash on the 24th of August at Wayne and Sharon Springs in Orange, Ca!!

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
1243 Fairway Drive
Orange, CA 92866



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
August 27, 2008
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M



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From the Prez:

Glenn Rattman K6NA



The SDDXC Board met recently to discuss and take action on several issues which have come up. Here is an update.

Laptop computer—The club has owned a projector and screen for several years, to provide hardware needed for video presentations. However, borrowing a laptop from members on a regular basis is problematic. Thus we are moving forward to acquire a new laptop. This should be available shortly.

Website updates—Club members who are using the 'update totals' feature of the club's website are reminded that this feature and our software are not fully interactive. The system generates emails to the records-keepers, but the updating still has to be done manually by our volunteers in communication with the webmaster. This is why you don't see instant updates to your totals, on the website. Be patient!

November Meetings—The Board has revisited the issue of holding a regular meeting in November. The fourth Wednesday typically is the night before Thanksgiving Thursday. Certainly, some folks may choose not to attend the DX club meeting but many others want to have a meeting and don't feel it is an automatic conflict. **Hence, starting this November there will be a regular meeting (November 26th).** We will evaluate attendance and see if it works.

Holiday party/December meeting-- For the past few years, the Holiday party has been held at members' homes (open to all club members), with food and drink, and door prizes, provided by the club. Many members don't attend. In keeping with the overall mission of the club, the sense of the Board is that members who want to attend such a party should bear the cost of this activity themselves. Starting this year, we want to make this a self-sustaining activity. Based on last year's event, the break-even cost per person will be \$15. The date of the party will remain the first Saturday of December (Dec. 6th) at a member's home (TBD). **Please note, the deadline for signup and your fee will be the October meeting.** There will continue to be NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER.

2009 DX Bash, San Diego—The date of next summer's joint Bash between the San Diego and LA/Orange County DX groups has been set: **Sunday, August 23rd, 2009.** The event will be hosted by the SDDXC at a location TBD.

Speaking of "The Bash", don't forget the 2008 version coming up soon! This will be on Sunday August 24th, sponsored by the SCDXC at the home of W6IRD/K6IRD in Orange. Get your carpools together and let's have a GREAT turnout up there by the San Diego group! This is a fun event and is supported by your club. Please visit <http://www.scdxc.org/bash.html> for details and a good map.

See you on the "low end"... and keep digging!

Glenn K6NA

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of

DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Leon Helms N6VS

31 JULY 2008

Balance as of June 30,2008 \$3266.04

Income:

Regular Dues	10.00
Book Sales	90.00
TOTAL:	100.00

Expenses:

NCDXF	320.00
Secretary of State	20.00
Office supplies	25.65
TOTAL :	365.65

Balance as of July 30, 2008: \$2980.39

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$3000.39

MEETING MINUTES

23 July 2008

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. President Glenn Rattmann, K6NA, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 35 members present. Charles, WD6DUX, Gregg, WA6YLR, Cliff, AC6C and Marco, N5ZO were introduced as visitors.

After some discussion a motion was passed authorizing the board of directors to purchase a club laptop and investigate any repairs that might be needed for the projector.

Paul, WN6K and Wild Bill, WB6BFG were appointed as the clubs representatives to SANDARC, with Harry, W6YOO and Leon, N6VS as alternates.

It was announced that the clubs field day operation appears to have set a new record score in the 1A category.

John, K6AM presented the Top Ten for RTTY. The top honor went to Rick, K0XB.

During the DX roundup Cliff Cheng, AE6C gave a brief presentation on Operation Golden Phoenix, which was a simulated terrorist attack in San Diego. He was then asked to tell us about his web site www.novice-bappy.com which contains user contributed stories of their experiences as Novice class amateur radio operators.

Dan, N6ERD, presented an interesting and informative program on Logbook of the World.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.



THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON RTTY



8/08	8/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K0XB	40	295	297	299	+4
2.	5.	N7CW	39	173	173	256	+39
3.	3.	N6ND	40	123	123	251	+16
4.	2.	W6KUT	40	190	190	243	-
5.	4.	W6YOO	38	239	240	241	+8
6.	7.	N7TY	21	129	129	187	+7
7.	6.	W6CN		173	176	185	-
8.	8.	N6CW	36	45	45	144	-
9.	9.	KY6LA		?	?	135	-
10.	10	K6XT	36	?	?	132	-

Bud, N7CW roars through the pack to jump up 3 places with 39 new one! The others at the head of the pack also continue to jockey for position. There are plenty of new ones out there for the rest of us, so give the digital modes a try. RTTY is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK31 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot mode is now heard mostly only on contest weekends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog and a sound blaster card. Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

DX SUMMER BASH!

August 24, 2008

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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